

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

10/004,311

Applicant(s)

WHITE ET AL.

Examiner

Greg Bengzon

Art Unit

2144

All Participants:

(1) Greg Bengzon.

(2) _____

Status of Application: _____

(3) Richard Himelhoch.

(4) _____

Date of Interview: 1 June 2006

Time: _____

Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

Claims discussed:

Claims 1-4-7, 13-24

Prior art documents discussed:

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Upon receiving authorisation from SPE William Vaughn, Examiner Bengzon contacted Atty. to propose incorporating Claim 3 into all independent claims. Furthermore, Claim 7 should be revised to say 'computer-readable storage medium' to overcome USC 101 issues. Atty. Himelhoch agreed to proposed claim amendments and responded on June 2, 2006 via email, indicating the amended claims and authorizing an Examiner Amendment. Furthermore, a series of interviews were conducted between June 2, 2006 to June 8, 2006 in order to clarify the claims, resolve possible USC 112 issues, and place the claims in condition for allowance. The authorization to amend Claim 7 to read 'computer-readable storage medium' was given on June 8, 2006.